

that this 11 miles of state road should become a county road, they would accept it from the state and take \$500 a mile, and now, Senator Mills, is he here? Senator Mills, or, Senator, anybody, can you tell me is that \$500 a mile, is that just for one year, is that for eternity or is that until somebody comes along and says well we ought not to do it, we ought to change it? Senator Mills, I see you are back, which way would that go?

SENATOR MILLS: As I understand it, Senator Keyes, that is per year.

SENATOR KEYES: Per year for how many years?

SENATOR MILLS: Per year.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, the consistency of that will be to what the next Legislature or the next county commissioners decide and perhaps we would find out that Sarpy County has taken over 11 miles of state road and we do not have nothing but \$500 a mile and \$500 a mile will not take care of the gravel on that state road in a year and all in my district, not in Senator Frank Lewis' District. Now, if they want to do what is right, I will support them but if they want this to be tied to the gas tax, we are not only losing this bill but we are going to lose the gas tax bill too because I see it just had 25 votes and you had to work like the devil to get them and I hadn't got up and talked against it. Under no circumstances am I going to support this bill as it is now written, even though my county commissioners did send their lobbyist down to tell me that they would like to have it. I have never found anybody back home that wants the penny gas tax nor have I found anybody that wants the penny gas tax if we accept a road for \$500 a mile, that will cost us that much to maintain, and not get anything. And if the county of Sarpy County wants to turn one over to the state, were to turn 10 or 15 miles over to the state, we, out of our meager funds, would be giving the State of Nebraska \$500 a mile. It says so right there, until such time as we see fit to quit, and that, if I had my way, would be the very following year. I would see that those county commissioners had good opposition. So I am going to oppose this, and with that understanding, I will oppose 139.

SENATOR BARNETT: Before we go to Senator Schmit, I am sorry Senator Hefner that we didn't get this on the 65 Fourth and Fifth graders from Creighton. I am sorry about that but we do have time for Senator Duis' visitors from Cozad. There is 21 Ninth graders in the North balcony and Miss Woodward is their teacher. We are happy to have them with us today. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I believe we are speaking on the adoption of the amendments and that basically becomes the bill and I would oppose the adoption of the amendments. I would oppose them because of the very reason I gave a number of times when this proposal was offered prior to this session of the Legislature. It is a very apparent attempt to divide and conquer the counties in an attempt to get the state off the hook for somewhere between four and six hundred miles of gravel highways that they just don't want to hard surface. Now someone says that the reason these roads do not need to be hardsurfaced is because they do not carry sufficient traffic to justify that